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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PO

SUBJ: VASCO GONCALVES OUT - AGAIN?

1. RELIABLE PORTUGUESE JOURNALIST WHO HAS JUST TALKED WITH A MEMBER OF THE NINE (WHICH AT 9:00 PM LOCAL IS MEETING WITH COSTA GOMES) TELLS US THAT VASCO GONCALVES IS DEFINITELY OUT, ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT HAPPEN UNTIL MONDAY. HE WILL NOT GET ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF POSITION EITHER. ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO HAS DECLINED TASK OF PUTTING GOVERNMENT TOGETHER AND A SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR A NEW PM. THE NINE IS PUSHING CENTRAL MILITARY REGION COMMANDER CHARAIS.

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COMMENT: SITUATION IS SO FLUID EMBASSY HESITATES TO SEND IN

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM JOURNALISTS. WE DO SO IN THIS CASE  
BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR JOURNALIST IS PROBABLY THE BEST INFORMED  
IN PORTUGAL. WE ALSO SENSE A GENERAL CHANGE IN THE ATMOSPHERE.  
THERE IS AGAIN A BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE VASCO WILL GO. THE  
REAL QUESTION IS WHETHER THE NINE CAN FORCE THROUGH A CANDIDATE  
OF THEIR CHOOSING OR WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE PRESENTED TO THEM  
SOMEONE LIKE PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO WHO IS SEEMINGLY NEUTRAL BUT  
WHO COULD BE MANIPULATED BY THE COMMUNISTS. IF IT IS THE LATTER  
THE NINE WILL BE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO ACCEPT THE "COMPROMISE"  
IN ORDER TO AVOID VIOLENCE AND POSSIBLY CIVIL WAR. TO DATE THEY  
ARE STANDING FIRM, BUT WE HAVE SEEN TOO MANY UNDESIREABLE LAST  
MINUTE COMPROMISES TO SAY IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. EVEN IF THEY  
GET THEIR OWN CANDIDATE THEY WILL STILL BE UNDER PRESSURE, FROM  
COSTA GOMES AMONG OTHERS, TO SEE THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE WELL  
ENOUGH REPRESENTED SO THAT THEY WILL NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS.  
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